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## Abstract

**Background:** Depression is a common disorder with more than 300 million people worldwide. The comorbidity of depression and diabetes has a high prevalence rate. Collaborative care in diabetes should include screening for depression and patients with depression should be screened for diabetes for better patients care outcome.

**Objective:** To identify the effect of diabetes mellitus on the depression presentations in the primary-care centers.

**Method:** A case-control study was conducted at 11 PHC centers during April-May, 2017. Out of 185 patients who fulfill the study criteria, 74 who had depression with co-morbid with diabetes formed the *Case-sample*, 111 depressed patients not co-morbid formed the *Control sample*.

PHQ-9 used as the diagnostic tool for depression. The satisfaction level and patients' file were assessed and explored the diagnosed and missed cases by the PHC doctors. Data were analyzed using SPSS version 20. Odds ratios (OR) demonstrated with their 95% confidence intervals (CI) and P-value  $\leq 0.05$ .

**Results:** Comorbid depression and diabetes have a significantly high mean of TG and HbA1c. Physical activity and sleep pattern were better among comorbid cases. At the same time, they were unsatisfied with their care in the PHC centers.

Most of the depressant patients were missed by their PHC doctors (74%), that worse when the patients had comorbid with diabetes (85%) with significantly different (p-value=0.005).

**Conclusion:** In diabetic patients, depression is mostly missed by the PHC physicians. Therefore, depression should be predicted in diabetic patients particularly, uncontrolled diabetes, unsatisfied patients. integrated depression management in diabetic care is necessary to improve clinical outcomes and reduce the burden of illness

**Keywords:** Diabetes, depression, comorbid depression, integrated mental health care, PHC, Saudi Arabia.

## Introduction

Depression is a common disorder, more than 300 million people worldwide are suffering from depression, according to the World Health Organization<sup>1</sup>. Depression has a negative economic impact on governments, employers, and households. It causes a drop in the worldwide productivity, costing the global economy more than \$1 trillion, and annual death rate of 800,000 worldwide<sup>1</sup>.

Depression is twice as common in diabetic patients as in the general population, and co-morbid depression and diabetes are associated with poor outcomes. A recent study by this author and his collaborators demonstrated that the prevalence of depression among diabetic patients is 48.7%<sup>(2)</sup>. Depression presents in one of every four people with type 2 diabetes mellitus and increases the risk of the development of diabetes and the subsequent risks of hyperglycemia, insulin resistance, and micro- and macrovascular complications. Conversely, a diagnosis of diabetes increases the risk of depression incident and its severity<sup>3</sup>.

Co-morbid depression and diabetes have a high prevalence rate<sup>4</sup>. Depression in diabetic patients increases the risk of developing diabetic complications, disability, and early mortality. A meta-analysis study was done by de Groot (2001) to test the strength and consistency of the relationship between depression, and diabetes complications showed a significant association between depression and a variety of diabetes complications; diabetic retinopathy, nephropathy, neuropathy, macrovascular complications, and sexual dysfunction<sup>5</sup>.

However, Diabetes is considered as one of the risk factors for depression particularly among those who are using insulin compared with noninsulin medications<sup>6,7</sup>. The

mortality risk in diabetic patients increased in the presence of depression or anxiety, and highest for depression<sup>8</sup>.

There is evidence that shows that depression and type 2 diabetes may share the same biological markers and risk factors such as overactivation of innate immunity leading to a cytokine-mediated inflammatory response, and potentially through dysregulation of the hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal axis<sup>9</sup>. Eventually, understanding of shared origins of depression and diabetes could offer the potential to treat and improve outcomes of both disorders simultaneously, which are targets for primary prevention of type 2 diabetes<sup>9</sup>. Other reports show that depression and diabetes mellitus occur together, approximately twice as frequently as occurring alone<sup>10</sup> and have a bi-directional association<sup>11,12</sup>.

Other studies show that patients with depression have a 37 % increased risk of developing diabetes<sup>13</sup>, and depression increases by 15 % in people who have diabetes<sup>14</sup>. Depression is common among people with diabetes and negatively affects diabetic control<sup>15</sup>.

Chen et al. (2013) indicated an association for depression predicting the onset of diabetes<sup>11</sup>. The combination of both disorders worsens the outcome of either condition. This association also worsens the quality of life, worsens self-management, increases the incidence of complications, and life expectancy<sup>16</sup>, and the costs of treatment increase significantly<sup>17</sup>.

The presence of diabetes affects depressive symptom control; the symptoms appear to be persistent in 73 % of people 12 months after a diabetes occurrence<sup>18</sup>. The relapse rate for depression is 79 % over a 5-year period<sup>19</sup>. Consequently, depressive episodes



with diabetes are more likely to be persistent and relapse more. In contrast, depressive symptoms usually last 8–12 weeks when occurs alone<sup>6</sup>. The development of two or more diabetes complications showing the strongest association with depression<sup>5,20</sup>. Lin et al. (2004) found that major depression in PHC settings affects the physical activity, unhealthy diet, and lower adherence to oral hypoglycemic, antihypertensive, and lipid-lowering medications negatively<sup>21</sup>. Thus, the evidence recommends the need to have an effective diagnosis and management of depression in diabetic patients<sup>22</sup>.

The evidence from the literature suggests that health promotion in people with diabetes should include screening for depression and vice versa<sup>21</sup>. In this study, I will explore the effects of diabetes mellitus on depressive symptoms in a population of people attending primary care clinics in Saudi Arabia.

**Study Rationale:**

PHC/Family doctors need to predict the symptoms of depression among diabetic patients for early diagnosis and management. Hopefully, the better outcomes of both depression and diabetes mellitus care. This was supported by recommended by Guo et al. (2015) that, working on minimizing depressive symptoms may enhance depression and diabetes adaptation concerning metabolic control and quality of life<sup>23</sup>.

**Aim:**

To identify the effect of diabetes mellitus on the depression presentations in the primary-care centers.

## **Literature Review:**

### **Epidemiology:**

A National Health Interview Survey (NHIS) involved 30,022 adults done in the USA and found that diabetic patients had a high prevalence rate (77.8%) of comorbid major depression<sup>24</sup>. Also, they stated that depression and diabetes had higher likelihoods of functional disability compared with individuals with either diabetes or major depression alone. It showed those who do not have diabetes and no major depression (24.5%); major depression (51.3%); diabetes (58.1%). The functional disability is 2.42 (2.10–2.79) for diabetes, 3.00 (95% CI 2.62–3.42) for major depression<sup>24</sup>.

A study conducted by Talbot and Nouwen (2000) concluded that the initial onset of major depressive disorder seems to be independent of the onset of type 2 diabetes<sup>25</sup>. Moreover, in both type 1 and type 2 diabetes; diabetes-related psychological and physiological processes may be involved in the higher recurrence and longer duration of depressive symptoms<sup>25</sup>. It is estimated that 50% of co-morbid patients remain undiagnosed and more than that was untreated<sup>26,27</sup>.

Diabetes and depression are highly prevalent conditions and have a significant impact on health outcomes. Both disorders with significant morbidity, mortality, and healthcare cost. Coexisting depression in diabetic patients is associated with fewer adherences to treatment, poor metabolic control, higher complication rate, decrease the quality of life, increased health care use and cost, increased disability and loss production, and increase the risk of death. Coordinated strategies for clinical care are necessary to improve clinical outcomes and reduce the burden of illness<sup>28</sup>.

Depressive patients are more likely to be less active, unhealthy diets, which may contribute to the increased risk of developing type 2 diabetes<sup>29,30</sup>. Presence of depression among diabetic patients leads to nonadherence to self-care management<sup>31,32</sup>.

Disrupted sleep patterns are associated with depression<sup>33</sup>, and poor sleep quality and altered circadian rhythms have been shown to increase insulin resistance and risk of type 2 diabetes<sup>34</sup>. A meta-analysis showed that depression is weakly associated with insulin resistance, a potential link to type 2 diabetes incident<sup>35</sup>.

A systematic review study found that, no difference in the rates of depression between those with undiagnosed diabetes, those with impaired glucose metabolism, and people with normal glucose metabolism<sup>36</sup>.

### **Correlation between Depression and Diabetes**

There have been many studies examining the relationship between diabetes and depression and they suggest that the association between depression and diabetes is bi-directional<sup>37,38</sup>. In type 2 diabetic patients, the rates of depression are higher with using insulin compared with noninsulin or dietary and lifestyle modification alone<sup>7,39</sup>. The presence diabetic complications, particularly sexual dysfunction and painful peripheral neuropathy found to be predictable for depression incidence<sup>5,40</sup>.

Depression and diabetes are associated with the hypothalamic-pituitary adrenal (HPA) axis dysfunction, which acts as subclinical hypercortisolism, blunted diurnal cortisol rhythm, or hypocortisolism with impaired glucocorticoid sensitivity, and increased inflammation<sup>41</sup>. In an extensive epidemiological literature review done by Goodnick

(2001) focused on the biochemistry of diabetes, involved animal and human, explored the effects of alterations in catecholamines and serotonin on glucose utilization<sup>42</sup>.

Clinical consequences of comorbid depression and diabetes, a cohort study for 13 years completed 1,897 depressive patients were interviewed in 1981, to determine whether depression is associated with an increased risk for onset of diabetes. It found major depressive disorder signals increased the risk for onset of type II diabetes, but not milder forms of depression or other forms of psychiatric disorder (R.R=2.23). This relation not affected by age, race, sex, socioeconomic status, education, use of health services, other psychiatric disorders, and body weight. However, there is a possibility that the treatment for depression led to an earlier diagnosis of diabetes<sup>43</sup>.

#### **Depression and Diabetes Comorbid burden:**

The clinical burden of disease, Egede et al. (2002) studied the odds of diagnosed depression among diabetic patients and its effects on health care use and expenditures. They found diabetic patients with depression had a significantly higher outpatient care use as compared without depression ( $P<0.0001$ ) and had more prescriptions ( $P<0.0001$ ), and the total health care expenditures for depressive patients was 4.5 times higher than that without depression ( $P<0.0001$ )<sup>44</sup>.

A study done by Katon et al. (2008) examined the long-term effects on total health care costs of depression intervention program for diabetic patients' comorbid depression at the primary care level. They concluded that patients who had depression management had improved outcomes and reduced 5-year mean total medical costs

compared with usual care patients. Also, they found that the cost differences were largely explained by the presence of non-managed depression and comorbidity<sup>45</sup>.

A population-based National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, was published in 2005, evaluated the effect of depression on all-cause and coronary heart disease (CHD) mortality among adults with and without diabetes. It proved that the coexistence of diabetes and depression is associated with a significantly increased risk of death from all causes, higher than due to having either diabetes or depression alone<sup>46</sup>. Egede (2004) proved that coexisting depression in diabetic patients is associated with significant increases in mean disability bed days, increases the odds of extended work loss, and extended disability bed days<sup>24</sup>.

### **Antidepressants and Diabetes**

Tricyclic-antidepressants play a role in increasing of catecholamines which appears to increase glucose and reducing insulin release and sensitivity to insulin. In contrast, a selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor (SSRI) increases serotonergic function seems to increase sensitivity to insulin and reduce plasma glucose<sup>42</sup>. Add to that, SSRI demonstrated its usefulness in diabetic patients, with weight loss, in a decrease in the FPG and the HbA1c levels. Lifestyle factors are suggested to have a role in the comorbidity of depression and diabetes<sup>42</sup>.

### **Diagnosis and Management of Comorbid Depression and Diabetes**

Depression diagnosis requires a validated interview to consider its diagnosis<sup>47,48</sup>. A quick and cheaper method is needed to screen people in PHC settings<sup>49</sup>. SSRI is the drug of choice, less cardiotoxic and is safer in overdose, for diabetic patients<sup>50</sup>. When

diabetic patients have an intervention for depression management were more likely to be well-controlled (HbA1c < 7%) as compared with in comparison with patients in the usual care group, diabetic without depression intervention<sup>51</sup>. Intervention integrating treatment of type 2 diabetes and depression becomes necessary and be a core of diabetic patient care. Such approach was proved to be successful in improving outcomes in primary care (P<.001)<sup>51</sup>.

Therefore, integrated approach to depression and type 2 diabetes treatments cost effectiveness for its disposition in real practices with competing demands for limited resources<sup>51</sup>. A reviewed study indicated that there is evidence that suggests psychosocial interventions particularly CBT with effective in improving depression in patients with diabetes. However, these interventions are not consistently associated with improvement in markers of glycemic control (HbA1c levels)<sup>52</sup>.

A systematic review and meta-analysis of psychological therapies to assess their effectiveness in improving glycaemic control in type 2 diabetes showed the mean percentage glycosylated hemoglobin was lower in people assigned a psychological intervention than in the usual care; psychological distress was significantly lower in the intervention groups. In the interpretation of type 2 diabetes, there are improvements in long-term glycaemic control and psychological distress<sup>53</sup>.

Another review study done by Hermanns et al. (2013) summarized the importance of appropriate screening, diagnosis, and treatment of depression in chronic illness, particularly diabetic patients. They concluded that integrating mental health care among chronic medical ill patients provides a more objective and holistic evaluation; in

stepped care and collaborative management care models, it improves treatment outcomes without overwhelming existing resources<sup>54</sup>.

A meta-analysis found that depression was significantly associated with nonadherence to nonadherence to self-care management and diabetes treatment instructions such as missed medical appointments, diet, exercise, medication use, glucose monitoring, and foot care<sup>55</sup>.

Self-assessment questionnaires can dramatically improve depression detection rates. Complementing such screening with assessments of psychological distress can have an additional and complementary impact on individual self-care<sup>56,57</sup>. Newly diagnosed diabetic patients were 30% more likely to have the previous history of depression compared with people without diabetes. Depression increases the risk of developing diabetes by 23% in younger adults (20-50 years of age), but not in aged 51 years or more<sup>58</sup>.

Elderly depressed patients with diabetes when they had depression care management in PHC, they were less likely to die over a 5-year interval as compared with depressed diabetic patients who in usual care practices<sup>59</sup>. The risk of depression among diabetic patients increased in prior depression history and cardiovascular procedures<sup>60</sup>. There is evidence of depression significantly increases the mortality rate among diabetic patients. Thus, early depression detection and treatment may improve the health outcomes<sup>61</sup>.



## **Collaborative care**

Collaborative care showed a significantly better outcome, in depression and diabetes management and patients' adherence to treatment instructions, as compared with usual care. These findings emphasize on applying the collaborative care for diabetic patients with depression<sup>62</sup>. For that, it could have explained by recognizing the diagnosis, the management load, and complications occurrence are associated with depressive symptoms rather than biological mechanisms such as hyperglycemia<sup>6</sup>. Therefore, considering the psychological burden associated with diabetes diagnosis need psychosocial support at the diagnosis time<sup>6</sup>. Comorbid depression adversely affects diabetes outcomes and decreases the quality of life<sup>63</sup>.

In children and adolescents, there is a clearer relationship between depressive symptoms and poorer glycemic control<sup>37</sup>. Depression, even if mild, is also associated with premature mortality through a range of physical conditions<sup>61</sup>.

For patients with comorbid physical and mental illness, the UK Disability Rights Commission (2006) has highlighted the concept of “overshadowing” where healthcare focus on the mental disorder and fail to provide the care of physical health needs<sup>64</sup>. In contrast, poorer diabetes care for a patient with mental illness, less likely to screen diabetes<sup>65</sup>.

Thus, depression and other mental disorders are not diagnosed with diabetes or other physical illness<sup>66,67</sup>. These types of systematic deficiencies within healthcare systems may contribute significantly to the poorer health outcomes seen in those with comorbid diabetes and depression. Combined behavioral and psychotropic depression

with diabetes management in collaboration approach in PHC, improved depressive symptoms as well as glycemic and blood pressure control<sup>68</sup>. Comorbid diabetes and depression have increased direct and indirect health care costs<sup>69</sup>.

Such model of care seems to be cost-effective as well as clinically effective, and less out-patient costs<sup>70-72</sup>, which is lacking worldwide. Work is needed to implement of comorbid management model to serve comorbid morbidity patient in the PHC settings<sup>6</sup>. Most health services are poorly equipped to deal with comorbidity and, therefore, novel care pathways are needed to address this important public health problem<sup>6</sup>.

Multidisciplinary team approaches to diagnose and manage of depression in PHC settings that incorporate high-risk cases, and psychotropic medications using a stepped-care approach shown to be the most effective clinical outcomes and positive improvements in depression outcomes among diabetic patients<sup>26</sup>.

Therefore, the collaborative management considering mental health and physical problems in a holistic approach is a cost-effective and reducing the health care utilization, thus screening for co-morbid depression proves to be cost-saving<sup>54</sup>.

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## Methods

### Study setting:

This case-control study was conducted at the PHC centers (11 centers) in Al-Khobar city, Saudi Arabia.

### Sampling procedure:

Out of the 388 patients invited to participate in this study during April-May, 2017, 368 patients completed the questionnaire with respond rate of (95%). Out of them, 185 patients who fulfill the study criteria; who had depression only or depression comorbid with diabetes were included in the study. Only 74 patients who had depression with co-morbid with diabetes, and formed the *Case-sample*. The rest 111 depressed patients not co-morbid with diabetes formed the *Control sample*.

### Depression Assessment:

Patient Health Questionnaire-9 (PHQ-9) used as the diagnostic tool for depression<sup>73</sup>. It was modified from PHQ-8 and has been used in several hundred studies to assess both mentally and physically ill patients<sup>74</sup>, including studies with patients with diabetes<sup>74</sup>. PHQ-9 score  $\geq 5$  was considered as positive for depression.

### Satisfaction Assessment:

The satisfaction level among depressive patients was assessed by a direct question about their satisfaction regarding the care which providing to them in the PHC center for their condition. The patients' perception was assessed by a 5-scaled question; 1 is the lowest level, and 5 is the highest satisfaction level.

**Missed cases by PHC doctors:**

The studied patients' file was reviewed to define the depressant patients who were diagnosed by their PHC doctors, and those who not diagnosed before. Those who were not diagnosed and only discovered by the screening tool were considered as missed cases.

**Data collection:**

Data collection was a two-stage process:

Stage one: A self-administered questionnaire was completed by participants to gather socio-demographic information, information about the chronic disease and lifestyle.

All participating patients were asked to complete a PHQ-9 an Arabic version. There two trained persons for interpretation and filling the questionnaires for illiterate patients.

Stage Two: The patient medical records/files review for all patients who filled the questionnaire to obtain information about weight, height, BP, lab tests profile, complications, and treatments.

**Statistical analysis:**

Data were entered and analyzed using SPSS version 20. Data were presented as Mean  $\pm$  SD for quantitative data, and number (N) and percentage (%) for qualitative data. Student t-test, Chi-square test, biserial correlation were used when appropriate. Odds ratios (OR) demonstrated with their 95% confidence intervals (CI) and P-value, considered significant at  $p\text{-value} \leq 0.05$ .

**Ethic issue:**

Administrative permission, as well as Institutional Review Board approvals, were obtained from the MOH in Eastern Province of Saudi Arabia, and Informed consent obtained from all participants.

## Results

From 388 questionnaires were distributed, 368 were completed and retained with a response rate of 94.8%, females formed 51.4% (n=189). Out of them, 185 patients filled the study criteria, depression only or depression comorbid with diabetes. The case-sample was 74 patients who had depression with co-morbid with diabetes, and 111 depressed patients not co-morbid with diabetes.

### **Socio-demographic characteristics of the studied sample:**

The distribution of the studied sample according to socio-demographic characteristics demonstrated that there is no significant difference between the case and control samples. The mean age ( $\pm$  standard deviation) of the studied sample was 44.7 years  $\pm$  11.6. More than half of the participants (68.6%) were female. The majority of the studies sample were married (75.7%). Sixty percent (60%) of the participants had their own house.

Regarding the education level among the studied sample, 15.1% was illiterate, 30.3% and 27% were of primary and secondary education respectively, while 27.6% had university and postgraduate education.

Table (1) shows no difference between depressive cases with and without diabetes mellitus according to the weight and blood pressure, cholesterol, and vitamin serum D level. But, the depressive comorbid patients had a significant difference in their diastolic reading, and LDL level was less than depression without diabetes. That could be related to diabetic control management i.e. diet and lifestyle modification.

**Table (1) Comparison between depressive cases with and without diabetes mellitus according to the basic physical and laboratory findings, (PHQ-9 score  $\geq 5$ ).**

	Depression comorbid with DM (N=74)	Depression without DM (N=111)	P-value
	Mean $\pm$ SD	Mean $\pm$ SD	
Weight	80.76 $\pm$ 16.9	78.84 $\pm$ 19.5	0.489
Height	158.07 $\pm$ 15.7	160.03 $\pm$ 12.8	0.355
BMI	31.44 $\pm$ 6.8	30.64 $\pm$ 9.7	0.541
SBP	125.84 $\pm$ 14.9	122.5 $\pm$ 17.8	0.186
DBP	72.97 $\pm$ 8.0	77.15 $\pm$ 11.4	0.007
FBG	168.5 $\pm$ 67.9	93.82 $\pm$ 13.0	<0.0001
HBA1c	8.65 $\pm$ 2.1	6.42 $\pm$ 5.2	<0.001
TG	164.85 $\pm$ 98.3	124.9 $\pm$ 44.2	<0.0001
Total cholesterol	186.51 $\pm$ 38.2	188.43 $\pm$ 35.1	0.724
LDL	105.69 $\pm$ 32.7	114.77 $\pm$ 33.6	0.07
HDL	46.71 $\pm$ 15.4	48.56 $\pm$ 10.9	0.341
Vitamin D	17.87 $\pm$ 4.2	20.08 $\pm$ 10.3	0.082

Table-2 demonstrates that the physical activity and sleep pattern is a better significantly difference among depression comorbid with diabetic comparing without, p-value= 0.009, <0.0001, respectively. Other habits such diet control, weight change, smoking, and alcohol intake have no significant difference.

**Table 2. Effect of DM on depressive patients' socio-characters, (PHQ-9 score  $\geq$  5).**

Lifestyle	Depression comorbid with DM n (%)	Depression without DM n (%)	Odds Ratio	P-value
Diet control:				
- Yes	52(70.3)	79(71.2)	0.957	0.895
- No	22(29.7)	32(28.8)		
Physical activity:				
- Yes	60(81.1)	70(63.1)	2.5	0.009
- No	14(18.9)	41(36.9)		
Sleep difficulties:				
- Yes	40(54.1)	90(81.1)	0.275	<0.0001
- No	34(45.9)	21(18.9)		
Weight change:				
- Yes	43(58.1)	64(57.7)	1.02	0.952
- No	31(41.9)	47(42.3)		
Smoking:				
- Yes	20(27.0)	21(18.9)	1.587	0.193
- No	54(73.0)	90(81.1)		
Alcohol:				
- No	73(98.6)	109(98.2)	0.747	0.812
- Past History	1(1.4)	2(1.8)		



Table (3) demonstrates that the satisfaction level among depressive patients without co-morbid diabetes mellitus is significantly high as compared with depressive patients when they have a comorbid with diabetes, the Odds Ratio=0.268 (CI=0.097-0.742).

**Table 3. Satisfaction level among depressive patients co-morbid with DM and not comorbid, (PHQ-9 score  $\geq 5$ ).**

	DM (N=74) n (%)	No DM (N=111) n (%)	Odds Ratio	P-value
<b>Satisfaction:</b>				
- Yes	61 (82.4)	105 (94.6)	0.268	0.008
- No	13 (17.6)	6 (5.4)		

Most of the depressant patients (74%) in our sample were missed by their PHC doctors especially when the patients had comorbid with diabetes (85%). This is reflecting how the comorbid with diabetes affected worse the doctors' ability to discover the depression in PHC centers, as illustrated in table-4.

**Table 4. Comparison between diagnosed and missed depressive patients by PHC doctors related to the presence of diabetes mellitus, (PHQ-9 score  $\geq 5$ ).**

Depression	Total n (%)	DM n (%)	No DM n (%)	Odds Ratio	P-value
- Diagnosed by PHC Doctors	48 (26)	11(15)	37(33)	0.349	0.005
- Missed by PHC doctors	137 (74)	63(85)	74(67)		

The patients with depression and comorbid with diabetes scored a significantly higher for the sleep disturbance, feeling tired, loss of concentration, and prefer to die as compared with depressive patients only, p-value= (0.035), (0.018), (0.005), (0.006) respectively.

## Discussion

This study is the first study, up to known to the author, studied the effect of diabetes mellitus on the depression presentation in Saudi Arabia.

The socio-demographic characteristics testing supports the accuracy of the case and selective control process. Where there is no significant difference between the cases and the control candidates, and the relation between depression alone and presented with comorbid with diabetes not affected by their age, gender, marital status, education level, occupation, income, and BMI, it goes consistency with Eaton et al. (1996) findings<sup>43</sup>.

Table-1 shows no difference between depressive cases with and without diabetes mellitus according to the weight and blood pressure, cholesterol, and vitamin serum D level. But, the comorbid depressive patients with diabetes have a significant difference in their diastolic reading, and LDL levels were less than depression without diabetes. That could be related to diabetic control management, i.e., diet and lifestyle modification. However, in our sample the diabetic patients' comorbid with depression have a significantly high mean of TG and HbA1c which indicates an uncontrolled DM related to the presence of depression. This finding is supported by other studies which showed a strong linear relationship as scored high on the PHQ-9 had higher HbA1c<sup>76,77</sup>. As approved by Bot et al., (2013) that, a higher HbA1c level indicated more with comorbid diabetes coexisted with depression<sup>78</sup>. This finding supports the needs for the integrating treatment of both disorders by PHC doctors for better patient care, which supported by the Bogner et al., (2012), and the Hermanns et al. (2013) findings<sup>51,54</sup>.

Table-2, both physical activity and sleep pattern are better among diabetic comorbid with depression comparing. In contrary, sleep disturbance which significant associated with predicting diabetes, which is concomitant with others studies finding<sup>78-80</sup>. However, other habits such diet control, weight change, smoking, and alcohol intake didn't demonstrate an effect. In general as cited in different studies, depressive patients are more likely to be less active, unhealthy diets, which may contribute to the increased risk of developing type 2 diabetes<sup>29,30</sup>. The health education receiving in the diabetic clinic follow-up could help in improving the physical activity among diabetic comorbid with depression comparing without combined. Add to that; sleep pattern is better among comorbid could frequent visit to the diabetic clinic plays a role as a supportive therapy or consequent effect of physical activity improvement. These behaviors should be considered in the diabetic clinic education hopefully, would contribute to the depression management, which was emphasized on applying the collaborative care for diabetic patients with depression by Huang et al., (2013)<sup>62</sup>.

Table (3) demonstrates that comorbid depression and diabetes were significantly unsatisfied for their care in the PHC centers. We keep in mind in this study most of the depressive patients not aware of their diagnosis, only discovered by screening. Therefore, this finding could be related to the load of the morbidity and the commitments to the regular follow-up which, could affect adversely on the patients psychologically. It is supported by Guo et al. (2015) findings that, increase depressive symptoms was associated with less patients' satisfaction<sup>23</sup>. Biochemistry of both depression and diabetes could have a role, increase the cortisone, and alter the catecholamines, and serotonin levels<sup>41,42</sup>.

Table-4 Most of the depressant patients among the participants were missed by their PHC doctors, that worse when the patients had comorbid with diabetes. It is reflecting how the comorbid with diabetes worse the doctors' ability to discover the depression in PHC centers. Such finding was cited in WHO/Wonca Report (2008)<sup>81</sup>, a there high rate of missed cases of minor mental health such as depression in PHC settings, as goes with Lawrence et al., (2002), and Frayne et al., (2005) findings<sup>66,67</sup>.

As cited by Silverstein et al., (2015) such findings highlight the need for regular depression screening and appropriate management for patients, particularly among chronic physical disorders<sup>82</sup>. Add to that, PHC doctors should be efficiently trained for mental health care considering the patient's presentations in the PHC settings, not a psychiatric disorder only, for improving both emotional and metabolic statues<sup>83</sup>.

The patients with depression and comorbid with diabetes scored a significantly higher for the sleep disturbance, feeling tired, loss of concentration, and prefer to die as compared with depressive patients only, it consistent with other studies findings<sup>24,40,63</sup>. In contrary, sleep disturbance which significant associated with predicting depression and diabetes which, cited by other authours<sup>33,78-80</sup>.

We could conclude from this study integrated depression management in diabetic care is necessary to improve clinical outcomes and reduce the burden of illness, as found by other studies<sup>28,51,54</sup>.

## Conclusion

This study demonstrates that the comorbid depression and diabetes have a significantly high mean of TG and HbA1c. Physical activity and sleep pattern were better among comorbid cases. However, the satisfaction level is higher among depressive patients alone.

In diabetic patients, depression is mostly missed by the PHC physicians. Therefore, depression should be predicted in diabetic patients particularly, uncontrolled diabetes, unsatisfied patients, and sleep disturbance. The health education in the diabetic clinic could help in improving the physical activity and sleep disturbance. Therefore, integrated depression management in diabetic care is necessary to improve the clinical outcomes and reduce the burden of illness<sup>84</sup>.

## Limitation:

This is a case control study with all the limitation of a case control study and does not prove causation. In addition the limited time and resources I had to complete this study may have resulted in limiting the sample size and the population base I have used. However it is still sufficient for me to generalise the findings to other population samples in Saudi Arabia'

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### Abbreviations:

BMI	Body mass index
BP	Blood pressure
CBT	Cognitive behavior therapy
CI	Confidence Interval
DBP	Diastolic blood pressure
DM	Diabetes Mellitus
FBG	Fasting blood glucose
HbA1C	Hemoglobin A1C
HDL	High-density lipoprotein
LDL	Low-density lipoprotein
MOH	Ministry of health
NHIS	National Health Interview Survey
PHC	Primary health care
PHQ-9	Patient Health Questionnaire-9
SBP	Systolic blood pressure
SD	Stander deviation
SPSS	Statistical Package for the Social Sciences
SSRI	Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors
TG	Triglyceride
UK	United Kingdom
USA	United State of America
WHO	World Health Organization

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## Appendix

# **QUESTIONNAIRE**

## **THE EFFECT OF DIABETES MELLITUS ON THE PRESENTATION OF DEPRESSION IN A PRIMARY CARE POPULATION IN SAUDI ARABIA**

### **Instruction**

We conduct this research to determine the prevalence and impact of diabetes mellitus on the depression presentations in Al Khobar PHC clinics. In order to provide information that contributes to the improvement of the chronic disease case control and providing an excellent service.

We ask you to agree to join this research, which includes answering the questions of this questionnaire and see your file to know the type and dosage of treatments and laboratory analysis.

Your answer will be confidential and will not be viewed by anyone. Your name will not be written in the questionnaire. The questionnaire will not be retained after analyzing the information and participating in an optional questionnaire. You are free to stop answering the questionnaire at any time you like.

**Thank you for your contribution**

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**Date:**

**PHC Name:**

**File No.: Part one:**

**Personal Data:**

**Please insert (√) in front of your choice**

1-	Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
2-	Marital Status: <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Widow <input type="checkbox"/> Single
3-	Age: .....years
4-	Nationality: <input type="checkbox"/> Saudi <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Saudi
4-	Marital Status: <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Widow <input type="checkbox"/> Single
5-	Education Level: <input type="checkbox"/> Illiterate <input type="checkbox"/> Elementary <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Secondary <input type="checkbox"/> University <input type="checkbox"/> Master <input type="checkbox"/> PhD
6.	Type of house: 1. Rent..... 2. Own .....
7.	Job: 1. Jobless ..... 2. House-wife..... 3. Student ..... 4. Govermental ..... 5. Private ..... 6. Owen ..... 7. Retaired.....
8.	Family members No. (.....)
9.	Income: 1. less than 3000 SR/M ..... 2. 3000-6000 SR/M ..... 3. 6000-10000 SR/M ..... 4. 10000-15000 SR/M ..... 5. More than 15000 SR/M .....
10.	Diabetes Mellitus / depression - Are you with diabetes? 1. Yes 2. No If yes, how many years ago ..... - Have diabetes been controlled? 1. Yes ..... 2. No ..... - Determine your commitment to diabetes medication 1. non-compliant ..... 2. sometimes ..... 3. most often ..... 4. very committed ..... - Have you ever been diagnosed with psychiatric disorders? 1. No ..... 2. Depression ..... 3. other Select ..... If you have mental disorders, do you receive any treatment for these disorders other than this center? 1. Yes ..... 2. No .....

	<p>- Did you sleep in hospital or intensive care and why?</p> <p>1. Yes ..... 2. No..... reason.....</p>
12.	<p>Life-style</p> <p>Limit your commitment to diet complain</p> <p>1. Non-compliant 2. Sometimes 3. Most often 4. Very committed</p> <p>Physical activity:</p> <p>1. Regular (30 minutes walking a day or more) ..... 2. Irregular .... 3. I do not exercise.....</p> <p>- Do you have trouble sleeping?</p> <p>1. Yes ..... 2. No ..... 3. Sometimes .....</p> <p>- Do you suffer from a change in weight?</p> <p>1. No ..... 2. Increase ..... 3. Decrease .....</p>
13.	<p>Family history</p> <p>Does your family have diabetes?</p> <p>1. Yes ..... 2. No ..... 3. Not sure .....</p> <p>- Is a member of your family suffering from a psychiatric illness?</p> <p>1. Yes ..... 2. No ..... 3. Not sure .....</p> <p>- Smoking:</p> <p>1. Do not smoke ..... 2. Smoke cigarettes ..... 3. Pipe ..... 4. Shisha ..... 5. X-smoker .....</p> <p>- If you smoke cigarettes how many cigarettes a day?</p> <p>1. Less than 10 ..... 2. From 10 to 20 ..... 3. More than 20 .....</p> <p>- Use alcohol and narcotic drugs:</p> <p>1. Yes ..... 2. No ..... 3. Previously .....</p>
14.	<p>Your satisfaction with the primary health care provided to you (in general)</p> <p>1 = Not very satisfied 2 = Not satisfied 3 = Not sure 4 = Satisfied 5 = Very satisfied</p>

Over the last 2 weeks, how often have you been  
bothered by any of the following problems?  
(use "✓" to indicate your answer)

	Not at all	Several days	More than half the days	Nearly every day
1. Little interest or pleasure in doing things	0	1	2	3
2. Feeling down, depressed, or hopeless	0	1	2	3
3. Trouble falling or staying asleep, or sleeping too much	0	1	2	3
4. Feeling tired or having little energy	0	1	2	3
5. Poor appetite or overeating	0	1	2	3
6. Feeling bad about yourself—or that you are a failure or have let yourself or your family down	0	1	2	3
7. Trouble concentrating on things, such as reading the newspaper or watching television	0	1	2	3
8. Moving or speaking so slowly that other people could have noticed. Or the opposite —being so fidgety or restless that you have been moving around a lot more than usual	0	1	2	3
9. Thoughts that you would be better off dead, or of hurting yourself	0	1	2	3

- End -

Thank you for giving us a time to fill this questionnaire

## Part 2. File information

..... :BP -3

..... height -2

..... weight - 1

BMI.....

HB A1c - 5

FBG -4

TG -7

Total cholesterol -6

HLD -9

LDL -8

no - 2

yes - 1

¿Any DM complication .10

¿If yes define.....

no -2

yes -1

¿is there other chronic diseases – 14

..... ¿if yes please define -15

## استبيان

### تأثير مرض السكري على مرضى الاكتئاب بمراجعي مراكز الخبر - 2017م.

معلومات تقرأ للمستجيب:

نقوم بالبحث للتعرف على معدل الانتشار وتأثير الاضطرابات النفسية على معالجة مرضى السكري بعيادات الخبر. وذلك لأجل توفير معلومات تساهم في تحسين وتطوير برنامج الامراض المزمنة وتساعد على تقديم خدمة متميزة للمرضى. نطلب منكم الموافقة على الانضمام لهذا البحث والذي يتضمن الإجابة على أسئلة هذا الاستبيان والاطلاع على ملفكم للتعرف على نوع وجرعة العلاجات والتحليل المعملية. إجابتك سوف تكون سرية ولن يتطلع عليها أحد ولن يتم كتابة اسمك بالاستبيان ولن يتم الاحتفاظ بالاستبيان بعد تحليل المعلومات ومشاركتك في الاستبيان اختيارية ولك مطلق الحرية في التوقف عن الإجابة على الاستبيان في أي وقت تحب.

شكرا على المشاركة والمساعدة

الباحث

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## تأثير مرض السكري على مرضى الاكتئاب بمراجعي مراكز الخبر

التاريخ / / م اسم المركز الصحي ..... رقم الإستمارة

رقم الملف: ..... الهاتف الجوال

(اختياري): ..... الجزء الأول: معلومات عامة عن المريض

## والمرض

ضع علامة (√) على الاجابة المختاره

أسئلة شخصية عامة	
1.	العمر: .....
2.	الجنس: <input type="checkbox"/> ذكر (1) <input type="checkbox"/> أنثى (2)
3.	الحالة الاجتماعية: 1. متزوج <input type="checkbox"/> 2. عازب <input type="checkbox"/> 3. مطلق <input type="checkbox"/> 4. أرمل <input type="checkbox"/>
4.	المستوى التعليمي: 1. أمي <input type="checkbox"/> 2. محوامية <input type="checkbox"/> 3. ابتدائي/متوسط <input type="checkbox"/> 4. ثانوي <input type="checkbox"/> 5. جامعي <input type="checkbox"/> 6. دراسة عليا <input type="checkbox"/>
5.	نوع السكن: 1. سكن ملك <input type="checkbox"/> 2. مستأجر <input type="checkbox"/>
6.	العمل الحالي: 1. عاطل <input type="checkbox"/> 2. ربة منزل <input type="checkbox"/> 3. طالب <input type="checkbox"/> 4. موظف حكومي <input type="checkbox"/> 5. عمل حر <input type="checkbox"/> 6. موظف قطاع خاص <input type="checkbox"/> 7. صاحب عمل <input type="checkbox"/> 8. متقاعد (معاشي) <input type="checkbox"/>
7.	عدد أفراد الأسرة: ( )
8.	الدخل الشهري للأسرة (بالريال السعودي) 1. أقل من 3000 <input type="checkbox"/> 2. 3000 - 6000 <input type="checkbox"/> 3. 6000 - 10000 <input type="checkbox"/> 4. 10000 - 15000 <input type="checkbox"/> 5. أكثر من 15000 <input type="checkbox"/>
معلومات عن الأمراض المزمنة	
9.	هل أنت مصاب بمرض السكري؟ 1. نعم <input type="checkbox"/> 2. لا <input type="checkbox"/>
10.	إذا كانت الاجابة نعم منذ كم سنة
11.	هل تم التحكم بمرض السكري؟ 1. نعم <input type="checkbox"/> 2. لا <input type="checkbox"/>
12.	حدد مدي التزامك بأخذ ادوية السكري 1. غير ملتزم <input type="checkbox"/> 2. بعض الأحيان <input type="checkbox"/> 3. أغلب الأحيان <input type="checkbox"/> 4. ملتزم جداً <input type="checkbox"/>
13.	هل اصبت بنوبة هبوط في السكر؟ 1. لا <input type="checkbox"/> 2. نعم بسيطة <input type="checkbox"/> 3. نعم تم دخولي للمستشفى <input type="checkbox"/>
أسلوب الحياة	
14.	حدد مدي التزامك بالحمية الغذائية (4 ملتزم جداً - 1 غير ملتزم) 1. غير ملتزم <input type="checkbox"/> 2. بعض الأحيان <input type="checkbox"/> 3. أغلب الأحيان <input type="checkbox"/> 4. ملتزم جداً <input type="checkbox"/>
15.	النشاط البدني: 1. منتظم (30 دقيقة مشي في اليوم أو أكثر) <input type="checkbox"/> 2. غير منتظم <input type="checkbox"/> 3. لا أمارس <input type="checkbox"/>
16.	هل تعاني من صعوبه في النوم؟ 1. نعم <input type="checkbox"/> 2. لا <input type="checkbox"/> 3. بعض الاحيان <input type="checkbox"/>
17.	هل تعاني من تغيير في الوزن؟ 1. لا <input type="checkbox"/> 2. زياده <input type="checkbox"/> 3. نقصان <input type="checkbox"/>



18.	هل تم تشخيصك من قبل بالإصابة بالاضطرابات نفسية؟ 1. لا <input type="checkbox"/> 2. كآبة <input type="checkbox"/> 3. قلق <input type="checkbox"/> 4. فصام <input type="checkbox"/> 5. أخرى حدد .....
19.	إذا كنت تعاني من اضطرابات نفسية هل تتلقى أي نوع من العلاج لهذه الاضطرابات بمكان آخر غير هذا المركز؟ 1. نعم <input type="checkbox"/> 2. لا <input type="checkbox"/>
20.	هل تنومت في المستشفى او العناية المركزة ولماذا؟ 1. نعم <input type="checkbox"/> 2. لا <input type="checkbox"/> السبب —
التاريخ العائلي	
21.	هل أحد أفراد عائلتك مصاب بمرض السكري؟ 1. نعم <input type="checkbox"/> 2. لا <input type="checkbox"/> 3. غير متأكد <input type="checkbox"/>
22.	هل أحد أفراد عائلتك مصاب بمرض نفسي؟ 1. نعم <input type="checkbox"/> 2. لا <input type="checkbox"/> 3. غير متأكد <input type="checkbox"/>
23.	التدخين: 1. لا أدخن <input type="checkbox"/> 2. أدخن السجائر <input type="checkbox"/> 3. غليون <input type="checkbox"/> 4. شيشة <input type="checkbox"/> 5. مدخن سابقاً <input type="checkbox"/>
24.	إذا كنت تدخن السجائر كم سيجارة يومياً؟ 1. اقل من 10 <input type="checkbox"/> 2. من 10 – 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 3. أكثر من 20 <input type="checkbox"/>
25.	استخدم الكحول والمواد المخدرة: 1. نعم <input type="checkbox"/> 2. لا <input type="checkbox"/> 3. سابقاً <input type="checkbox"/>

الجزء الثاني: إستبيان عن صحة المرضى (PHQ-9)  
خلال الأسبوعين الماضيين، كم مرة عانيت من أي من المشاكل التالية؟

الرقم	الموضوع	ولا مرة	عدة أيام	أكثر من نصف الأيام	كل يوم تقريباً
1	قلة الاهتمام أو قلة الاستمتاع بممارسة أو بالقيام بأي عمل	0	1	2	3
2	الشعور بالحزن أو ضيق الصدر أو اليأس	0	1	2	3
3	صعوبة في النوم أو نوم متقطع أو النوم أكثر من المعتاد	0	1	2	3
4	الشعور بالتعب أو بامتلاك القليل جداً من الطاقة	0	1	2	3
5	قلة الشهية أو الزيادة في تناول الطعام عن المعتاد	0	1	2	3
6	الشعور بعدم الرضا عن النفس أو الشعور بأنك قد أخذت نفسك أو عائلتك	0	1	2	3
7	صعوبة في التركيز مثلاً أثناء قراءة الصحيفة أو مشاهدة التلفزيون	0	1	2	3
8	بطء في الحركة أو بطء في التحدث عما هو معتاد لدرجة ملحوظة من الآخرين/أو على العكس من ذلك التحدث بسرعة وكثرة الحركة أكثر من المعتاد	0	1	2	3
9	راودتك أفكار بآته من الأفضل لو أنت ميتا أو أفكار بأن تقوم بإيذاء النفس	0	1	2	3

الجزء الرابع : مستوى الرضا عن الخدمات المقدمة :

نرجو التكرم باختيار الرقم الذي يحدد مدى رضاؤكم عن الخدمات الصحية المقدمة في المركز على النحو التالي

1 = غير راض جداً      2 = غير راض      3 = غير متأكد      4 = راض      5 = راض جداً

الخدمات الصحية المقدمة في المركز	غير راض جداً	غير راض	غير متأكد	راض	راض جداً
1. مدى رضاؤك عن الرعاية الصحية الأولية المقدمة لك (بصورة عامة)	1	2	3	4	5

شكراً لكم على تفضلكم بملء هذا الاستبيان ...

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معلومات ملف المريض:

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التاريخ: / / م رقم الملف: ..... رقم

الإستمارة :

قم بتدوين المعلومات أدناه من ملف المريض :

1 - الوزن ..... 2- الطول ..... 3- قياس الضغط: .....

BMI.....

5 - (HB A1c)

4- تحليل السكر صائم ( FBG )

7- معدل الدهون الثلاثية TG

6- معدل الدهون Total cholesterol

9- معدل الدهون عالي الكثافة HLD

8- معدل الدهون قليل الكثافة LDL

1 نعم ☐ 2 لا10. هل يوجد مضاعفات للمرض؟ ☐

- إذا كان الجواب بنعم حدد في .....